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Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs  
Single Market Enforcement  
Notification of Regulatory Barriers

Uimhir an Fhógra : 2020/0839/D (Germany)

## Single-use plastic directive

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### Message

Message 002

Communication from the Commission - TRIS/(2020) 04710

Directive (EU) 2015/1535

Translation of the message 001

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No abre el plazo - Nezahajuje odklady - Fristerne indledes ikke - Kein Fristbeginn - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Καμμία έναρξη προθεσμίας - Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délais - Non fa decorrere la mora - Neietekmē atlikšanu - Atidėjimai nepradedami - Nem nyitja meg a késéseket - Ma' jiftaħx il-perijodi ta' dawmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Não inicia o prazo - Neotvorí oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Määräaika ei ala tästä - Inleder ingen frist - He ce предвижда период на прекъсване - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare.

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1. MSG 002 IND 2020 0839 D EN 22-12-2020 D NOTIF

2. D

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4. 2020/0839/D - S10E

5. Act transposing requirements under the Single-Use Plastics Directive and the Waste Framework Directive into the Packaging Act and other acts

6. All types of packaging are affected. The products addressed include single-use plastic food packaging for immediate consumption and single-use cups for beverages, as well as single-use aluminium cans for beverages and single-use plastic beverage bottles.

7. - Directive 94/62/EC on packaging and packaging waste

8. The amendment to the Act transposes requirements under Directive (EU) 2019/904 into national law, in particular with regard to packaging in the Packaging Act.

In addition, requirements under Directive 2008/98/EC, as amended, are transposed with regard to the extended producer responsibility scheme with regard to packaging.

Furthermore, some updates, adaptations and amendments will be made to the Packaging Act in order to simplify and improve its enforcement.



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9. On 2 July 2019, Directive (EU) 2019/904 on the reduction of the impact of certain plastic products on the environment (known as Directive (EU) 2019/904) came into force. The Directive aims to reduce the impact of plastic products found particularly frequently as litter on European beaches. This should protect the environment and the oceans from the negative impacts of plastics and, in particular, microplastics. At the same time, the overall consumption of limited primary resources is to be reduced and cycle-oriented management of plastics is to be achieved. Directive (EU) 2018/851 amending Directive 2008/98/EC on waste entered into force on 4 July 2018. Among other aspects, it contains various additions regarding extended producer responsibility in Article 8a.

The draft Act aims to transpose into German law various provisions resulting from Directive (EU) 2019/904 and the requirements resulting from Article 8a of Directive 2008/98/EC, as amended, in particular with regard to packaging. In addition, individual provisions will be updated and adapted, in particular to further simplify and improve enforcement of the Packaging Act, which came into force on 1 January 2019.

The draft Act aims to advance the ecological development of the Packaging Act. The amendment is also intended to further improve resource management and resource efficiency in Germany. The aim of the draft Act is to integrate the new requirements of the EU Directives into national law while maintaining German environmental protection and resource conservation standards, which in part go beyond existing EU law, as directly as possible in a 'one-to-one' manner.

10. Reference(s) to basic text(s): Article 1 of the Act on the further development of the separate kerbside collection of reusable waste of 5 July 2017 (Federal Law Gazette I p. 2234): Act on the placement on the market, return and high-quality recovery of packaging (Packaging Act [Verpackungsgesetz - VerpackG]):

<https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/verpackg/>

The basic texts were forwarded with an earlier notification: 2016/679/D: 2019/0544/D

11. No

12. -

13. No

14. No

15. The impact assessment is included in the statement of grounds to the notified draft Act.

16. TBT aspect

No - the draft has no significant impact on international trade.

SPS aspect

No - the draft is neither a sanitary nor phytosanitary measure

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